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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicant cites, provides copies and briefly discusses the following art references:

O U.S. PATENT REFERENCE(S)

Inventor(s) **Issue Date** Patent No. Johnson et al. 2 January 1996 5,481,183

O OTHER REFERENCE(S)

- Electronics Letters (pages 159-161), Vol. 24, No. 3, dated 4 February 1988
- Korean Patent Office Action (Notice to Submit Response), dated 23 March 2001 and an English language translation

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O DESCRIPTIONS

Johnson et al. '183 discloses an electro-optic spectrum analyzer.

Electronics Letters Vol. 24, No. 3, pages 159-161 discloses an inline tunable etalon filter for optical channel selection in high density wavelength division multiplexed fiber systems.

The foregoing references were cited in the Koren Patent Office Action dated on the 23rd of March 2001, in applicant's co-pending Korean patent application.

The foregoing citation of references is not intended to constitute an assertion of particular relevants and is not intended to constitute a search that applicant has undertaken a thorough search of the prior art. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to undertake a thorough and wide-ranging search of the relevant classifications.

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